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## **Bring Your Appetite to the 2011 Taste of Suffolk**

SUFFOLK, VA (August 31, 2011) - Come out and enjoy this year's Taste of Suffolk. It's the event that lets you sample all the city has to offer. This year's festivities will take place on September 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Suffolk's Historic District on North Main Street.

The heart of the festival is the food. There will plenty of variety, at a price that can't be beat. Suffolk's finest restaurants, eateries, and "mom and pop" shops will be on site, ready to serve up delicious items that are sure to tease your taste buds. Exhibitors and vendors will line the street, offering great deals and valuable information. Local bands will perform your favorite tunes, while the Peanut City Cloggers dance in time to the music. And our most popular contests are back as well, including the jalapeno eating contest, peanut shelling contest, a cornhole tournament, and new for 2011, a live interactive cooking demonstration. And we didn't forget the kids. An enhanced children's area, located in the First Baptist Church parking lot, will feature a rock-climbing wall, miniature train rides, bounce houses, special performers and more. There will even be a contest just for the kids.

A special ceremony will commemorate the 10-year anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Guest speakers include United States Coast Guard Commanding Officer of Sector Hampton Roads Captain Mark Ogle, Mayor Linda T. Johnson, City

Manager Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief of Fire & Rescue Mark Outlaw, and Chief of Police Thomas Bennett. A public safety demonstration, performed by Suffolk's Police and Fire Departments, will highlight Suffolk's enhanced public safety preparedness, response and recovery, as well as new equipment and capabilities. This special presentation will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Taste of Suffolk is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <http://www.suffolkva.us/TasteofSuffolk/>, or contact Lori Jessee-Carter at 757-514-7267. Bring your appetite for fun, and get ready to taste, see, and hear what Suffolk has to offer.









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